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**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, and 19. In particular, claims 7, 10, 13, 14, and 16 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies therefrom, and claim 19 has been amended to specify that the computer program is stored on a computer readable medium. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-19, as presented herein. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP180).

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